

Letters to the Editor

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Tito vs. Moscow

Marshal Tito is said to have scored a verbal victory in getting the Russian leaders to agree to respect and not to interfere in the internal affairs of nations with "different forms of socialist development." The Chinese Reds succeeded at the recent Bandung Conference in vetoing a resolution "opposed to colonialism in all its forms," by having the word "manifestations" substituted for "forms."

The full meaning of these documents must await events, although the meaning of the events will not be clear without documentation, as we have recently learned in connection with the Yalta papers. Meanwhile, "a slightly worried look" was noticed in Khrushchev's eyes by Edvard Crankshaw.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has been quick to notice, as he stated in a speech a few days ago at Columbia University on "Education in the Soviet Union," that the Soviet leaders are "troubled," "perplexed," and "probably unharmonious." He predicted that the compromises forced upon them would inevitably lead to the admission that the Marxist-Leninist system was not the only permissible way of life. But this does not gauge the full extent of the ideological difficulties.

As *The Washington Post* remarked in an editorial (on "Withering Away," August 13, 1950), there are some "who perceived very early that the Bolshevik revolution was proceeding in a direction almost entirely opposite to the one indicated in the *Communist Manifesto*, that under various pretexts the Soviet state was arrogating to itself powers over the lives of its subjects undreamed of even by the monarchical despotisms of the 17th and 18th centuries."

When Khrushchev admits now that the Cominform decision against "Titoism" of June, 1948, taken nominally by the leaders of the most important European Communist Parties, was actually been imposed by the Soviet Union, the lesson to be drawn may not be to abandon the *Communist Manifesto* but to bring the Soviet leaders to heel. For all its dogmatism, there is still room in the Marxist-Leninist gospel for enough twisting and turning to leave open the question of who is the most faithful to it.

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Wash. Post must not overlook the Utopian promises of Marxism which are important in the hold it has on the minds of its devotees. The earthly leaders must inevitably be false to them so that one side of the "true doctrine" requires rebellion against these leaders. We should take advantage of this in our propaganda. The Titoists have shown that the authority of Marx and Lenin can be used against the Soviet tyrants. SIDNEY KORETZ,

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